cal data having been illegally supplied to South Africa which is an Indian Ocean litto'ral State, operating its navy in Waters which are vital to our defence interests; and

(b) whether the eon tract about HDW submarines barred the transfer of technical data to any other country; if so, effective action taken and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) According to available information, based on the result of the investigations carried out by the Regional Finance Office in Kiel, FRG, the processes initiated against IKL and HDW were dropped by the said office.

(b) Our contract with HDW bars the company from divulging the contents of the contract and any info'rma-tion/data acquired during the performance of the contract to any third party, including a Government. On enquiries made by Government, HDW rep' that the papers transferred by *them* to South Africa did not include any classified or confidential information relating to the Indian submarines. The FRG G ivernment have confirmed this Position.

HDW submarine deal

394* SHRI LAL K. ADVANI; SHRl ASHWANI KUMAR.

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the Press report which appeared in 'Sunday Mail, ' dated 13th September, 1987 captioned HDW agent winds up operations; if so, details thereof; and

(b) when did the Government receive information from West Ger many about commission in submarine-deal; and what immediate steps weiv taken against the agents and agencies involved therein and with what 'results?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENC1 (SHRI K. C. PANT); (a) and (b Government have seen the cited pres report. The allegation came to Gov ernment's notice in February, 1987 Enquiries were undertaken by centra investigative agencies whose reports recently received, are being considred

Military cases in criminal courts

3147. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to j state;

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently rejected the plea of Govern ment that the criminal courts be kept off the Military cases: and

(b) if so, whether necessary aetion has been taken against the officers who had tried to supersede the judge ment of the civil courts and who had committeed offences under certain section- of IPC[1] for which the Supreme Court gave the said' verdict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Defence deals

3148.. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA B-IN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-defence per sonnel including defence civilians engaged in arms deals or employed by arms dealers; and

(b) the number of defence deals which were negotiated througn these ex-defence employees civilian and otherwise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT); (a) and (b)Commercial negotiations for the acquisition of weapons and systems for the Armed Forces are carried out directly